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Algeria, China, Cuba, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic and Viet Nam: amendments to draft resolution A/54/L.23

Code of Democratic Conduct

1. Replace the first preambular paragraph with the following text:

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and recalling that one of the purposes of the United Nations is to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

2. Replace the second preambular paragraph with the following text:

Reaffirming that democracy, development and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms are interdependent and mutually reinforcing, that democracy is based on the freely expressed will of the people to determine their own political, economic, social and cultural systems and their full participation in all aspects of their lives, and that, in the context of the above, the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms at the national and international levels should be universal and conducted without conditions attached,

3. After the second preambular paragraph insert a new preambular paragraph reading:

Reaffirming that every State has an inalienable right to choose its political, economic, social and cultural systems, without interference in any form by another State,

4. At the end of the third preambular paragraph insert the following text:

taking into account the particular situation of peoples under colonial or other forms of alien domination or foreign occupation,

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5. Replace the fourth preambular paragraph with the following text:

Recalling that in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, the World Conference on Human Rights has recommended that priority be given to national and international action to promote democracy, development and all human rights, including the right to development,

6. Delete the fifth preambular paragraph.

7. Replace the sixth preambular paragraph with the following text:

Recalling that good governance, including in international institutions and organizations, is indispensable for creating an enabling environment for building peaceful, prosperous and democratic societies,

8. Replace the seventh preambular paragraph with the following text:

Aware of the crucial importance of the active involvement of civil society in democratic processes that affect the lives of people,

9. Replace the eighth preambular paragraph with the following text:

Recalling commitments undertaken by Member States for the promotion of democracy and the rule of law, within the framework of the United Nations and other international organizations,

10. Replace the ninth preambular paragraph with the following text:

Encouraged by the wish of an increasing number of countries all over the world to devote their energy, means and political will to the building of a world where peoples and nations have the right and opportunity to shape their own destinies,

11. In the tenth preambular paragraph, replace the word *Commending* with the word *Noting*.

12. Replace the operative paragraph with the following text:

Requests the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States on this issue for further consideration during the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly.